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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection in Cape Colony.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for the colony under date of August 13 and 20, 1906:

East London.—Week ended August 11, 1906. Rodents examined, 49; 13 found dead; no infection found. Infection was proved in a rat found dead on July 30.

Week ended August 18, 1906. Rodents examined, 79; 4 found dead; no infection.

King Williams Town.—Week ended August 11, 1906. Rodents examined, 105; 4 found dead; no infection.

Week ended August 18, 1906. Rodents examined, 229; 11 found dead; no infection.

Port Elizabeth.—Week ended August 11, 1906. Rodents examined, 177; 8 found dead; no infection.

Week ended August 18, 1906. Rodents examined, 172; 9 found dead; no infection.

Report from Sierra Leone—Sanitary conditions.

Vice-Consul King reports, August 31, as follows:

The general health of the European residents in the colony is somewhat better than is usual in the rainy season.

BRAZIL.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Plague in Campos—Special service established at São Paulo for treatment and prophylaxis of trachoma.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, August 24 and September 4, as follows:

Week ended August 18, 1906. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: On the 13th instant, the British steamship *Maria de Larinaga*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, with no passengers, no cargo, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 16th instant, the American barkentine *Josephine*, for Baltimore, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 18th instant, the British bark *Belmont*, for Boston, with no passengers, in stone ballast, and with 3 new members of the crew taken on in this port; and on the